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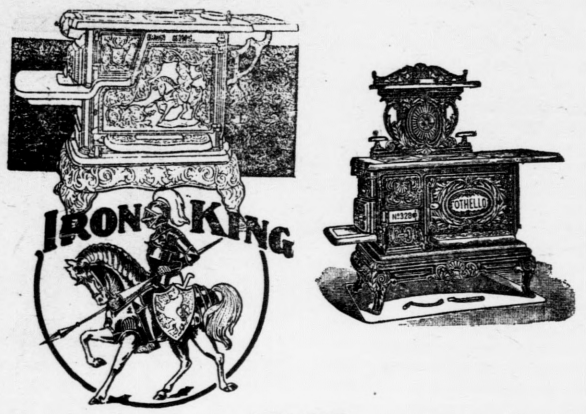
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IMPROVE ROADS

They Should be Fit for Travel Every Day in the Year

YOUNG PEOPLE AND FARMS

One of the most active exponents of good roads and improvement of rural districts is Rachel J. Davidson, a physician, of Flint, Michigan. In her opinion, she writes to *The Detroit Tribune*, boys and girls should and will stay upon the farm when it is as pleasant as elsewhere, but not before. The country must tax itself as the city does, and it must change some of the laws, customs and traditions. It must make the roads fit for travel every day in the year, and name, mark, light and sprinkle them. Number the houses, build wide boulevards connecting the township high schools, the county seats, the parks and along the lakes and rivers, but leave plenty of room for lawns, flowers and benches; have ornamental trees and shrubs artistically grouped or scattered, teaching lessons in forestry, floriculture and landscape art. Put tree acres or more into the playgrounds of the township high schools. Have co-operative laundries and bakeries and more creameries. Build more electric roads. Put a telephone company, and have the rate fixed by the state. Two rural deliveries a day—solid double service—and one-cent postage. Revolutionize the schools, from kindergarten to university. Teach agriculture and manual training in the township high schools. Have several courses of university extension lectures in each township every year. Use the university and the state traveling libraries freely. Let widows control their children and property as widowers do now. Have Congress establish a parcel post and create a Department of the Home, with a woman secretary, who shall be a member of the President's Cabinet. See that county, state and international fairs name and mark their streets and number each exhibitor's space. Make the country one vast park—a wonderland.

Organize county art associations, whose objects should be to develop landscape, township school yard, country park and county cemetery artists. Have county, state and international fairs give premiums to the counties and states that give the best, most appropriate and dignified names to their roads, and that first complete their marking; to designers and builders of the longest and most beautiful roads, of model inter-capital, county seat and township center boulevards; of beautiful avenues along our lakes and rivers; of country bridges, road markers and mail boxes; of model schoolhouses, social halls and other public buildings; of convenient and pleasing farm buildings and grounds; of a model farm, township, village, block, city, county and state, and to raise large sums by subscription and taxation to invest in such public improvements for the sake of the children.

"I'll fare the land to hastening hills a prey Where wealth accumulates and men decay." Have several child study clubs in each township. On or before their fifth birthday begin paying the children enough for their work to cover all their expenses. Assign their work and fix the rates, giving a certain sum, if it is done pleasantly and without being told; less, if they have to be told, and still less if it is not done pleasantly. Teach them how to use their money, giving them some liberty and letting them make some mistakes. They will learn that if they keep well they lose no time and have no doubts about bills to pay; that if they are careful of their clothes and tools they save still more, which becomes their very own. Rent them some land, sell them some stock—don't let them or talk too much of their mistakes, remembering that everybody who does anything makes mistakes—and teach them how to make the most for themselves of what they raise. See that their tools are not old, dull or broken. Help keep them in good repair. Do not expect them to hire or buy old tools or buggies or scrub stock or poor land of relatives if they can do as well or better elsewhere. Be kind, courteous, considerate and sympathetic with them in everything, but especially with their griefs and losses. Having done these things, and many more, until they are twenty-one, do not begin that day to take from them what they may have saved.

From their childhood see that they invest a few days several times each year in a city in going through the schools, colleges, college settlements, art galleries, libraries, museums, parks and everything. They should attend all the best city lectures, a few good operas and a very few theatres. When they return full of enthusiasm and new ideas and want to improve things, do not tell them that what was good enough for their parents and grandparents is plenty good enough for them.

On Sunday afternoon and once during the week attend the township club meetings where there should be good music and papers on live topics, which should be intelligently discussed. There are but fifteen years for hard work. Part of the time even in these years, and most of the time in the others, they should be learning to think, talk, work, read, study, travel, investigate and write intelligently. Then they will see that they can grow, broaden, ripen and sweeten best in the country.

Prepare to raise thoroughbreds, then raise them. The second generation of thoroughbreds will stay upon the farm. NASAL CATARRH quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself. A remedy for Nasal Catarrh which is drying or exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. Cream Balm is recognized as a specific. Price 50 cents a tin, or by mail. A gold in the head immediately disappears when Cream Balm is used. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5th, 1903.

Congress convenes at noon to-day and will bend its energies with exceptional application to the accomplishment of the great amount of work which remains to be done before the end of the session. With the parliamentary ability for which he has long been famous, Senator Quay has managed to preserve the status of his territorial bill which is still the unfinished business. The early hours of the session will doubtless witness an earnest attempt on the part of the Republicans in the Senate to administer to the Omnibus bill its coup de grace but it will require exceptional ability to catch Mr. Quay off his guard. Mean-while, an opposition measure which provides for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state has been introduced and will be used as a foil for the more sweeping measure.

There is intense interest in the fate of the Cuban treaty. At the last Cabinet meeting it was determined to force the issue, in so far as the Administration has the power, and to make a vote for its ratification a test of loyalty to the president. Nevertheless there are some Senators who regard the bill as the first step in a movement which has for its ultimate end the lowering of the Dingley tariff and they are, as yet, strongly opposed to the convention. Senator Platt of Connecticut returned to Washington early with a view to getting a grasp on the situation and of furthering the interests of the measure of which he is a known champion. Senator Scott is one of those believed to oppose the bill, although he refused to acknowledge his opposition when approached by your correspondent.

On the 7th, a hearing will be given to the friends of the New Foundland treaty by its opponents having already been heard. It is not regarded at this time as likely that the treaty will be ratified, however.

The most interesting political feature of the publication of Senator Hoar's anti-trust bill which, if not an administration measure, conforms closely to the recommendation of the President and the Attorney General. It provides for full publicity for the usual form of trust and prohibits combinations in restraint of trade. Already, serious opposition has developed in the person of Representative E. J. McMahon, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, the support of which committee must be secured before the bill can come before the House for consideration. There are many who regard the bill as unconstitutional but it may be passed if only to test the law.

Secretary Hay has practically concluded negotiations with Dr. Herren, the representative of Colombia and is now awaiting the decision of the Colombian government in regard to the treaty which will authorize the construction of the Panama canal. The terms of the treaty as they now stand provide for an initial payment to Colombia of \$10,000,000 and an annuity of \$100,000 beginning in ten years and continuing thereafter for all time, or as long as the United States shall maintain the canal. It is believed that these terms are personally satisfactory to Dr. Herren, the Colombian Minister, but he fears that they will not meet with the approval of his countrymen. To sign a treaty which did not meet with their approval would be dangerous. It will be remembered that when Senator Andrew, the Venezuelan Minister, secured the intervention of the United States in the Venezuelan boundary question his countrymen were so pleased that they elevated him to the presidency but when the decision of the court of arbitration failed to satisfy all the demands of the Venezuelans, Castro led a revolution which deposed Andrade and compelled him to flee to Paris for his life.

The protests of Great Britain and Germany against what they termed a violation of the open door policy in the Philippines were noted in my last letter together with the fact that Secretary Root had referred the matter to Congress. Since then, however, the officials of the War Department have been making some investigations as to the workings of the law and its relations to the international agreement concerning Philippine trade and have secured some surprisingly gratifying statistics. There has been a violation of the open door policy is now positively denied. It is argued that the export duty of \$7.50 per ton on Manila hemp, the United States is doing nothing not equally possible to any other nation which, if it so desires may help its manufacturers by refunding the duty also. It is shown moreover that the provisions of the law the importation of hemp by this country has increased to the rate of 96,000 tons per annum and, where formerly fully half of this amount was imported from Great Britain and other nations, now the importation from Great Britain and all other countries has decreased to the rate of 384 per annum. In other words, the United States is becoming the great hemp manufacturing country of the world. The importation of this vast amount of raw material is materially aiding American manufacturers and artisans, to the undoubted injury of their foreign competitors.

ASSAULTED BY NEGROES

James H. S. Gam was brutally assaulted by George Curtis and William Thomas, two negroes, in his store, at St. Georges on Saturday night. The colored men entered Mr. Gam's place of business evidently intent on robbery, as one of them drew forth a heavy club which he waved about the head. Both negroes then proceeded to beat their victim, but became frightened when he shouted for help. They darted out of the door and disappeared. Word was sent to Wilmington, giving a description of the men, and the police are looking for them.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS ORGANIZED

The Regular and Union Republicans Join in Organizing Both Houses

REGULARS AND UNIONS ELECT OFFICERS

DOVER, Jan. 6th.—It was 12 o'clock when the House was called to order. Mr. Anthony moved that Mr. Flinn be temporary speaker and Mr. Aspell, temporary clerk. The motion was carried. Judges Boyce and Pennewill and Prothonotary Speakman presented the certificates of election of members from the courts. It was a few minutes after noon when the Senate was called to order. Lieutenant-Governor Cannon called the body to order. The Senate was opened by prayer by Father Waldron. Judge Pennewill, Judge Boyce and Prothonotary Speakman presented the certificates of election of the members, and they were then read.

Senator Ellison administered the oaths to the new members. Senator Sparks moved that the body proceed to elect officers. The Republicans voted for their caucus nominee and the Democrats their state selected Monday afternoon. James W. Ponder, who represented the New Castle county Democrats who were contesting the seats of the Republican opponents who were elected, said that the contests had been abandoned. The contest of Charles S. Hurlock, Democrat, against J. P. Jones, who was not dropped, however.

The contests thus disposed of are Cannon against Price; Shallock against Aspell, and Wright against Derrickson. The contests brought by Sapp, Democrat, against Powell, Union Republican, Kent county; Lyons, Union Republican, against Thompson, Democrat; Magee, Union, against Jefferson, Democrat, Sussex county, will be heard. The Senate and House have been organized. The Regulars Monday night agreed to take the Senate and the Unions the House, as was done two years ago.

THE LEVY COURT

Philemma Chandler Elected President of that Body for 1903.

C. C. HOPKINS NOW A MEMBER

The Levy Court of New Castle county organized Tuesday morning for 1903 by electing Philemma Chandler president to succeed Merritt N. Willis. Notwithstanding rumors of contests for the chairmanship, there was no evidence whatever of one Tuesday morning, as Mr. Chandler's election was unanimous. He was elected after the Republican members had held a short caucus in the county comptroller's room. Members of the court were at the court house unusually early, and it was soon apparent that a decision had been reached as to who would be chairman. Caleb C. Hopkins, the new member who succeeds S. Frank Ewart, was among the first to arrive, and was congratulated by the other members. Mr. Ewart was also in the room when the election took place.

At 10.30 o'clock Messrs. Willis, Chandler, Meggison, Elliott and Hopkins, the Republican members, went into caucus. Messrs. Mealey and Armstrong, the Democratic members, remained in the court house while caucus was going on. In fifteen minutes the Republican members entered the room, and many of the spectators looked for a spirited contest. On motion of Mr. Elliott, Mr. Meggison was elected temporary chairman. After the roll had been called the credentials of Mr. Hopkins were read and approved.

Mr. Meggison stated it was in order to nominate a permanent chairman, and asked for nominations. Mr. Hopkins said: "At the request of the Republican members in caucus, I nominate Philemma Chandler." On motion of Mr. Willis nominations were closed and vote by ballot was taken with Messrs. Armstrong and Mealey acting as tellers. After the ballots had been counted, it was found that all seven members had voted for Mr. Chandler. In a short address to the members Mr. Chandler said, in part: "I accept the office of president of the Levy Court. It is a position of honor for which I thank my friends, but it is of more importance as a position of trust. I was elected a member of this body because the people had confidence in my ability and honesty to take care of their interests. When I first came to this body I could only protest and vote against outrageous bills. I am now in a position to take care of their interests and I will see that it will be done."

"Reporters of papers are welcome here, for it is through them the public learns the working and business of this court."

THE OLD HOME

Time's hand has touched it, and it stands A remnant of bright days gone by; No more within its empty rooms, Are heard the children's laugh and cry. No more upon its dusty floor, Lingers its happy feet in the dance; No more the twilight's sudden leap Shows waiting eyes, love's tender glance.

The weather-beaten boards are warped, Unsunken roof green blends with brown One chimney lies a broken heap, But one still lifts a smoky crown. The pine that whispers by the door, Lists for the clatter of the loom, That with the busy spinning wheel, Once sang its measure in the room.

The narrow path that zigzags down, Ends by the spring whose waters sweet, Slipped over tired and thirsty lips, And gave new strength to halting feet. The apple trees have grown so tall, Their branches seem to sweep the sky, And every spring their blossoms greet The clouds that drift in silence by. Across the everlasting hills The sweet winds wander to and fro; And honeysuckles, pink and white, Still grow by paths they used to know.

The fatherless, the mother wails, The children wander far and near; While stained by storms, warped by sun, The old house ages year by year.

COLLINS MURDER TRIAL

Either Collins is to be put on trial in Georgetown next Monday on the charge of murdering his wife, Aida Collins. The woman was murdered on April 12th last at her home near Laurel, the body being found in the stable. Her husband, a farmer, who professes to be greatly shocked at her death, was arrested on April 14th, after returning from her funeral. Since that time an effort was made to fix the crime on a colored man, and the man confessed the crime, but his story was found to be untrue. At the time the inquest was held Collins told the coroner's jury that he took his children, Hazel, aged 4, and Catharine, aged 2, with him in a wagon to a field, half a mile from the stable, to plant tomato seed. His wife was to join him as soon as she attended to feeding the chickens. When he was at the barnyard gate she, from the porch, asked him where he had placed thirty dollars she intended to take. Collins said he told her where the money was. He went to the field, finished ploughing, and after waiting half an hour, returned to the house to ascertain the cause of his wife's failure to bring the seed. After hunting for her, he found her lying in the stable covered with blood. He saw a cut on her throat and knew some person had committed the deed. He picked her up and kissed her and found that she was dead. The money was gone. He told George H. Henry, a neighbor, of what had happened. So much for Collins's story.

The State finds that he has told several stories, the same in general character, yet with a variation in essential details, and it believes that these stories will be much discredited by the facts and circumstances which can be proven without the possibility of a doubt. He was indicted at the October term.

Thirty or forty witnesses are to be examined upon the part of the State, and a long and interesting trial is in prospect. Attorney-General Herbert H. Ward and Robert H. Richards will represent the State, and Charles F. Richards and Robert C. White, who was formerly attorney general, will represent the prisoner.

RABBIT-RIDDEN CALIFORNIA

It is reported that the importation of Belgian hares in such vast numbers threatens California with the same danger which menaced Australia. They are overrunning the whole country to such an alarming extent that a bounty has been offered in some counties for their skins.

This is due partly, says the *New York Herald*, to over-importation and partly to their great fecundity—which, by the way, reminds one of the small boy, who, frowning over his school task, "wished he was a Belgian hare, because he heard they multiplied rapidly."

At any rate, they have multiplied too rapidly for the peace of mind of the California rancher whose crops suffer from the constant depredations of the mischievous animals. A way out of the difficulty might be suggested in a recent statistical report to the effect that millions of rabbits are slaughtered every year in the British Islands and Australia for their fur, which is used in making felt hats.

Tremendous numbers of these skins are sent yearly to hat manufacturers in the United States, after first being sent to continental Europe to be plucked of the long hairs which are useless in felt making. This is done by cheap hand labor, competent machinery to perform that work remaining still in the limbo of the uninvited.

When the skins finally arrive here they are shaved of their close fur, which then goes to the felter. It surely seems as if there must be some economic method of bridging this gap between so obvious an oversupply and an equally great demand for the home product rabbit skins.

CURING HAMS

The curing of hams, to make them sweet, should be done dry, and not in pickle. In the proportion of four ordinary hams, take about three parts of fine salt, two ounces of saltpetre, half a pound of coarse sugar (some prefer two quarts of molasses instead of sugar), one quarter of a pound of black pepper, pound the saltpetre fine and mix the ingredients together, rubbing the hams thoroughly with it on the flesh sides, and stack up in a pile. In a few days they should be turned, placing the bottom ones on top, and this should be repeated several times. In turning see that all parts are furnished with the curing compound, and the replacing will secure air to all parts. Hams cure in about the same number of days they weigh pounds. Then the salt, etc., may be washed off with cold water, the hams dried with a cloth, and rubbed with black paper on the flesh sides and at the knuckles. Hang up in a moderately warm room to dry. To keep the hams perfectly safe all through the warm weather, place them in canvas or cotton bags, tightly inclosed, and whitewash the canvas when the hams are inclosed. Yellow ochre is frequently used for this purpose also, but lime wash is equally as good, if not better.—*La Plata Times-Crescent*.

THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE REVIEW

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Explosion Fatal For Two. Two deaths have resulted from the explosion of the 35 pound can of powder that wrecked the home of Charles Magee, near Millville, the other day. The victims are Mamie Evans, wife of Edgar Evans, and John Evans, their three-year-old son. William Barnett and Swain Magee were so badly hurt that they are still not expected to recover. Only the chimney of the building remains standing.

THE CONTRACTS

Work of the Trustees of the State Hospital at Farnhurst

MEMBERS INDORSE A NOTE

The trustees of the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane at Farnhurst held their quarterly session at the institution Friday, and awarded contracts as follows: Milk, Robert McFarlin, the only bidder, four cents a quart. Groceries, William E. Frank, the only bidder. Dry goods, William B. Sharp & Co. Shoes and slippers, Jesse L. Shepherd, the only bidder; men's clothing, Jesse L. Shepherd, the only bidder. Beef, John T. Devine. Mutton and veal, M. Matthes, the only bidder. Queensware, L. Lewis Row Company. Bread, W. H. Huber, 2 1/2 cents a pound. The milk contract runs a year, all the others are for four months.

The board also awarded contracts for the plumbing and heating at the new consumption hospital. Dr. John J. Black presided at the meeting, and the other trustees present were Dr. Hiram R. Burton of Lewes; Zebulon Hopkins, Farmington; Dr. Joseph B. Waples, Georgetown; George H. Murray, Viola; Dr. J. H. Wilson, Dover; Dr. T. H. Gilpin, Middletown, and George S. Capelle, Wilmington.

For the finance committee Mr. Capelle reported a balance of \$80.15 in the state and it believes that these stories will be much discredited by the facts and circumstances which can be proven without the possibility of a doubt. He was indicted at the October term.

Mr. Capelle announced that important bills remaining unpaid were the payroll of \$1,240.69; and the coal bills: John M. Solomon, \$480.66; the George W. Bush and Sons Company, \$1,442.48; total, \$3,163.80. Solomon had declined to furnish any more coal until the bill is paid. Superintendent William H. Hanner said that there were about \$7,000 in outstanding bills. To meet the urgent claims of \$3,163.80, the board members endorsed a demand note signed by Dr. Black, on which the money will be repaid upon receipt of the biennial appropriation from the state.

U. S. JURORS DRAWN

On Saturday Jury Commissioners William G. Mahaffy and James P. Winches drew the following jurors to serve at the coming term of the United States District Court:

Wilmington—F. Taylor Gause, Thomas J. Lawson, J. Rodney Gause, Harry E. Bucher. Brandywine—Harry B. Casey. New Castle—Robert McFarlin. Blackbird—George R. Donovan. Nanticoke—De Witt C. Hill, Ezekiel H. Jones, Joshua J. Lenden. St. Georges—John W. Carrow. Red Lion—S. D. Townsend. Duck Creek—Willard G. Pierce. White Clay—Samuel Wright, Jr. Appoquinimink—Frank Lattomus. Red Lion—Theodore Jones. West Dover—George W. Baker, Edwin H. Salsbury. South Murderkill—M. Morris Stevenson.

Christianah—John R. Lyman, Sr. Mill Creek—James Walker. Georgetown—Henry H. Deputy, John Barr. PETIT JURY Wilmington—Lundred—Alphonso B. Rowe, Adam J. Lang, John W. Lawson, William T. Means. Brandywine—Samuel N. Trump, William A. Husbands. Red Lion—John T. Cheairs, James A. Mulligan, John C. Stuckert. Appoquinimink—Isaac Whitlock, Isaac R. Staats. Seaford—Robert H. Houston. Dagsboro—Robert T. Godfrey. Little Creek—E. John Hearn, William H. Ward. Baltimore—David Warrington. Pender—Henry C. Ellison. Mill Creek—William A. Miller, William Cranston. Indian River—Jesse E. Joseph. Georgetown—Henry H. Day, Alfred T. Pepper, Joseph H. Joseph. Duck Creek—George H. Dick, John W. Tucker, Augustine E. Jardine. St. Georges—John C. Carbutt. East Dover—Caleb S. Pennewill. South Murderkill—Nathan Sperry. Christianah—John A. Cranston. Milford—Isaac R. Jester. Kenton—Samuel M. Taylor. Gumboro—Charles R. Betts. West Dover—Harry A. Richardson. The grand jury will report on January 13th, at 11.30 A. M., and the petit jury on January 27th, at 11.30 A. M.

MARYLAND NOTES

The business at the Elkton post office during the holidays was the heaviest in its history. The station to be erected in Chestertown by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will cost about \$4000. The corner-stone of the new academy building at Jarrettsville, was laid Monday with Masonic ceremonies.

Rev. J. P. Valentine, a Passionist Missionary, gave a course of free lectures in the Elkton Catholic Church this week. While attempting to light a fire with coal oil, 6-year-old Luella Bush, residing near Jarrettsville, was burned to death. Rev. David T. Ward, of Hawkinsville, Ga., has accepted a call to the rectory of St. James' P. E. Church, in Cecil County.

Cecil County's share of the school funds for the quarter, as distributed by the Comptroller, will be \$3157.94. The county will receive this year \$2430 less than last.

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Trains Leave Middletown as follows:
 North Bound—8:30, 7:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a. m.
 4:45 and 5:45 p. m.
 South Bound—12:15, 8:11 and 11:30 a. m.; 3:54
 5:18 and 7:41 p. m.

Mails Close as follows:
 Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m.,
 5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
 Going South—8:30 a. m., 4:25 p. m., and 9 p. m.
 For Ocala—3:30 a. m., 11:40 a. m., 5:00 p. m.
 For Warwick, Cecilville, Barville and Sas-
 sasfras—4:45 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 10, 1903.

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 West Main street, where he may be
 found in the evenings only.

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 Public Library will be open on Tuesday
 afternoon, from 3:30 to 5; Saturday after-
 noon, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings,
 from 7 to 8:30.

Miss Mary Williams entertained a
 number of her young friends at her home
 on Saturday evening last at a taffy pull-
 ing. The event was one of much enjoy-
 ment to the participants.

FARM FOR RENT, 150 acres, good
 buildings. Convenient to church, school
 and creamery. Call upon or address
 H. P. HAZEL,
 Smyrna, Del.

Mrs. M. D. Wilson gave an enjoyable
 dinner party Wednesday afternoon.
 Those present besides her children and
 grandchildren were Rev. and Mrs. Louis
 E. Barrett, of Dover, and Rev. and Mrs.
 C. T. Wyatt.

We have on hand or will order STOVE
 REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give
 us the number of your stove and the
 makers name, and we will give you the
 repairs at once.

J. F. McWORTHER & SON.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list
 of letters remains unclaimed in the post
 office for the week ending Jan. 1st:
 Miss Lily Enson, Miss Rachel Han-
 man, Miss Lydia Williams, William
 Tiller.

We carry the largest stock of stoves in
 town; sell on a guarantee, subject to trial.
 See our ad. in this issue for the names of
 the leaders that will always be found in
 stock subjects to your order.

J. F. McWORTHER & SON.

Mr. John C. Green has purchased a
 gasoline engine and had it placed in his
 wheelwright shop on East Main street
 this week. It will be used in saving all
 kinds of oak lumber for various purposes
 and is a great addition to Mr. Green's
 shops.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in
 the lecture room of the M. E. Church
 every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock.
 Everybody is invited to attend. The
 topic for to-morrow evening is "The
 Open Channel of Prayer." Matt. 6:6-8;
 7:7-11; John 14:13-14. Leader, A. G.
 Cox.

The Young Peoples Society of Christ-
 ian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian
 Church, meets every Sunday evening at
 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is ex-
 tended to everybody. The topic for to-
 morrow evening is "Bringing Others to
 Christ." John 1:40-45; 4:6-10; Mark 5:
 19-20. Walter Beaman, leader.

Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr., entertained the
 Matinee Club at her home
 near town Wednesday afternoon. Misses
 Lydia, Mary P. and Adele Cochran, Dora
 Price, Sarah, Agnes and Patton Cochran,
 Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Mrs. A. M. Brown,
 and Mrs. Henry Schneider were present.
 Miss Mary Cochran won first prize, and
 Miss Sarah Cochran the second.

The annual election of the Sunday
 School Association of the Forest Presby-
 terian was held Wednesday evening. The
 following officers were elected for the en-
 suing year: Superintendent, J. F. Dea-
 kyne; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. G.
 E. Pearson; Secretary, Miss Vinie Lynch;
 Treasurer, George D. Kelley, Jr.; Organ-
 ist, Miss Myrtle Houston; Assistant Or-
 ganist, Miss Maude Deakyne; Librarian,
 Miss Vinie Lynch; Superintendent of
 Primary Department, Mrs. G. G. Rowe;
 First Assistant, Mrs. Edward Lewis;
 Second Assistant, Miss Eliza Green.

The Volunteer Hose Company held
 their annual meeting at the Hose House
 last Friday evening and elected the fol-
 lowing officers for the ensuing year: Pres-
 ident, J. F. McWhorter; First Vice Pres-
 ident, W. B. Kates; Second Vice Pres-
 ident, J. E. Ginn; Secretary, Jos. C. Jolly;
 Treasurer, Dr. J. C. Stites; Foreman, J.
 A. Soydam; First Assistant Foreman, J.
 R. Brown; Second Assistant Foreman, F.
 C. Jolly; Pipeman, S. H. Riggs; Assistants,
 P. C. Crouch, D. M. Pleasanton, H. C.
 Eliason, R. L. Johnson and F. S. Clayton;
 Trustees, John W. Jolly, J. S. Crouch and
 E. S. Jones; Janitor, Charles M. Stanger.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Daisy Scott has accepted a posi-
 tion in Dover.

Miss Mary Hutchin has returned from
 Yonkers, N. Y.

Mr. Harry Bolton was a Philadelphia
 visitor yesterday.

Miss Ida Huggins has been visiting Mc-
 Donough friends.

Mrs. George Janvier has been visiting
 Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. John S. Crouch was in Philadel-
 phia one day this week.

Miss Annie Gallagher has accepted a
 position in Philadelphia.

Mr. Wilbur Gemmi has returned to his
 home in Germantown, Pa.

Miss Mary H. Maxwell has returned
 from a visit to Atlantic City.

Mrs. Frank Harris and daughter are
 visiting Kennedyville relatives.

Miss Frances Cann, of Kirkwood, is the
 guest of relatives on Cass street.

Miss Ethel Massey, of Lambertville, N. J.,
 is the guest of Mrs. Lambert Price.

Miss Hester Whately, of Wilmington,
 is the guest of Mrs. I. S. Vallandigham.

DAMAGED BY FIRE

An Early Morning Blaze at the Middletown Academy

GOOD WORK BY THE FIREMEN

The blowing of the fire whistle at 5
 o'clock Thursday morning caused many of
 our people to rise much earlier than
 usual, and when they were told the acade-
 my was on fire, there was much excite-
 ment. Mr. John B. Brown first discov-
 ered the fire when he went to fix the
 furnace in the basement, and after mak-
 ing a brief investigation as to the location
 of the flames, lost no time in reporting
 his discovery to engineer Forsaker at the
 electric light station. The Volunteer
 Hose Company responded quickly to the
 alarm, and Chief Snyder and his assist-
 ants had but little difficulty in finding
 the best position from which to combat
 with the flames. At first it looked as if
 the fire would be a stubborn one to fight,
 but the fire laddies used excellent judg-
 ment in their work, and although the
 flames had reached the third floor before
 the first stream of water was turned on,
 it was only a few minutes before the
 historic school building was thoroughly
 saturated and the flames extinguished.

Prof. William J. Bickett and wife who
 occupy rooms on the second floor were
 absent at the time, Mrs. Bickett being
 on a visit in Pennsylvania, and the Pro-
 fessor during her absence had been room-
 ing with Mr. A. M. Chamberlain, conse-
 quently the building was unoccupied, al-
 though the firemen were not aware of the
 Professor's absence, and while some of
 them were engaged in fighting the
 flames, others quickly ascended a lad-
 der and smashed in the windows of his
 bed room, thinking he had possibly suffoc-
 ated from the smoke, but they were
 soon informed of his whereabouts.

Although the fire did considerable
 damage to the interior of the building,
 the primary department was the only
 school room that could not be occupied
 Thursday, and Miss Elizabeth R. Hall,
 and her pupils will resume their work
 Monday morning in another room; and
 workmen will make the necessary re-
 pairs as soon as possible to this depart-
 ment.

The origin of the fire is unknown but
 the supposition is that it caught from a
 wood stove used by Prof. and Mrs.
 Bickett in the sitting room on the second
 floor, although the stove had been closed
 for the night, and when the Pro-
 fessor left the building at six o'clock he
 left very little fire.

The damage to the building and the
 furniture and library of Prof. Bickett
 will amount to nearly \$1,000, which
 amount is covered by insurance.

When the fire fighters returned to the
 Hose House, hot coffee was served by
 Comrade C. M. Stanger, which was much
 enjoyed.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mr. Amos Merritt spent Wednesday in
 Wilmington.

Mr. Guy Johnson spent Sunday with
 Mr. John Piser.

Miss Viola Hall is spending this week
 in Wilmington.

Miss Mattie Lynch is visiting friends
 in Chesapeake City.

Mr. William Cheffins visited relatives
 in Sasasfras on Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. B. Stephens visited
 Mrs. J. B. Lofand on Tuesday.

Mr. R. Smith left Monday for Wilming-
 ton where he has secured employment.

Master Rodney Price is spending this
 week with his grandmother, Mrs. Gun-
 kel.

Communion service to-morrow morn-
 ing at 10:30 o'clock. Christian Endeavor
 at 7:30 P. M.

There is no improvement in the condi-
 tion of John Lofand who is very ill
 with typhoid fever.

WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following pupils of Warwick Pub-
 lic Schools have attained an average of
 90 per cent. or more for the month end-
 ing December 31st:

SEVENTH GRADE A.—Bessie Bishop, 99.8;
 Edgar Bishop, 98.9; Clara Marsh, 98.6;
 Paul Marsh, 98.3.

SIXTH GRADE.—Eccleston Marsh, 99.8;
 Stella Bishop, 99.8; Josie Stearns, 99.2; Katie Carroll, 99.1;
 Grace Brown, 99.3.

FOURTH GRADE.—Edward Brown, 98.1;
 Thomas Carroll, 97.4; Jessie Vinyard,
 91.4; Viola Hall, 96.2; Mamie Merritt,
 95.4; Eva Holden, 94; Eula Vinyard,
 93.2; Edgar Short, 92.3.

THIRD GRADE.—Lester Bishop, 100;
 Josephine Aiken, 96; Bertha Lynth, 95.3;
 Arthur Lockerman, 95.1.

SECOND GRADE.—H. Francis Marsh, 94;
 Heavly Thornton, 92.3.

ODESSA NOTES

Miss May C. Enos is visiting Mrs. Laura
 Temple, of Smyrna.

Mrs. Levin James who has been quite
 sick is improving slowly.

Miss Mary Hutchin has returned from
 a two week's visit with relatives in New
 York.

Mr. George N. Davis, of Harvard Law
 School, spent Sunday with Mr. George L.
 Townsend, Jr.

The third of the Star Course of enter-
 tainments was given in the town hall
 New Year's night and was much enjoyed
 by a large audience.

Misses Frances Aspril and Georgia C.
 Enos returned Monday to their respective
 schools, West Chester and the Wilming-
 ton State School.

ODESSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The names of those deserving com-
 mendation for deportment and progress
 for the month ending December 12th are
 as follows:

DEPARTMENT NO. 1.—Hettie Carpenter,
 Margaret McCoy, Helen Townsend, Mary
 Aspril, Emma Carpenter, Addie Penning-
 ton, Alice McCoy, Fred Kleiropi, Frank
 Greening, Minnie Armstrong, Martha
 Cochran, Elwood Naylor, Lulu Vinyard.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2.—Gertrude Wallace,
 Elsa Mulberger, Ethel Ward, Jeannette
 Watkins, Frank Keen, Harry Knapel,
 Percy Wallace, Ashton Cleaver.

DEPARTMENT NO. 3.—Alice Croft, Elsie
 Dulin, Mally Davis, Richard Rhodes,
 James Carpenter, Andy Miller, Charles
 Clotier.

Smallpox Near Brenford

Three more cases of smallpox near
 Brenford have been drawn to the atten-
 tion of the State Board of Health by Dr.
 Cobb of Clayton. About two week ago,
 a case developed in a colored person, who
 is now recovering, and the three addi-
 tional cases are in the same house with
 the first. Dr. Alexander Lowber, secretary
 of the State Board of Health has made an
 inspection and suggests the maintenance
 of a rigid quarantine.

TO CLOSE SMALL SCHOOLS

NARROW ESCAPE

Team Collided With Train at Railroad Crossing

WILL SUE FOR DAMAGES

Mr. Elias Shallcross, who resides near
 Odessa, had a narrow escape from instant
 death at the railroad crossing in this
 town early Wednesday morning. When
 he approached the railroad he noticed
 the passenger train which arrives here at
 12:45 A. M., standing at the station, and
 after waiting for it to pull out attempted
 to cross the track.

As soon as the train passed, a freight
 train which had been lying South of the
 crossing pulled out and before Mr. Shall-
 cross noticed it approaching, the collision
 occurred, and in his attempt to jump his
 horse was caught in one of the wheels
 of a freight car, which drug him quite a
 distance. His cries for help were heard
 by the conductor, and after signaling to
 the engineer to stop the train he pulled
 the young man from his perilous position
 just in time to save his life and fortun-
 ately was not seriously hurt.

When the crash occurred the horse
 broke loose from the vehicle, and was
 not found until late in the morning, and
 was only slightly hurt but the carriage
 was reduced to splinters.

During the past few years several sim-
 ilar accidents have occurred at this cross-
 ing, and a night flagman is badly needed.
 We are informed Mr. Shallcross has
 retained counsel and will bring suit for
 damages.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

There was quite a snow storm here
 Wednesday.

Mr. James Johns has been quite sick
 for the past several days.

Mrs. W. K. Lockwood is seriously ill
 at her home near Warwick.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross visited Massey
 friends on Tuesday evening.

Our public schools opened on Monday
 after a vacation of two weeks.

Alexander T. Laws was the guest of
 the Messrs. Johns on Monday.

Mrs. John Clotier left Monday for
 a visit to her brother in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith were
 entertained on Sunday by Mr. Phemies
 Jones.

Methodists here are elated over the
 Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund.

Mr. Scott Rosin who has been very
 sick for the past two weeks is much im-
 proved.

Miss Emma Johns entertained Mr.
 Harry Low, of Philadelphia, several days
 last week.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Scott
 Rosin is lying critically ill with no hopes
 of recovery.

The special session of the circuit of
 Kent County convened in Chestertown
 on Tuesday.

Miss Edith Atwell, of near town, vis-
 ited Mrs. Robert Johnston on Monday
 and Tuesday.

Miss Alice Dreka visited her cousin
 Miss Agnes Clark several days last week
 at Millington.

Mr. Charles Fillingame has had several
 members of his family quite sick for the
 past two weeks.

Rev. J. McLain Brown, of Warwick,
 was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Scott
 Rosin, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and chil-
 dren were guests of her mother, Mrs. W.
 K. Lockwood Sunday.

A number of cases of mumps have ap-
 peared but it is singular that only men
 and boys are the victims.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Biggs, of near
 Chesapeake City, are the guest of her
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston.

The Calendar Club of North East, will
 contribute \$2000 towards the new \$10,000
 church in course of construction there.

Mrs. John Atwell, mother of County
 Commissioner Louis P. Atwell, is lying
 severely ill at his home near Sasasfras.

Mr. William Chivens and niece, Miss
 Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, were guests
 of her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest Sun-
 day.

Mrs. Rachel Stradley and two children
 returned home on Monday after a
 two weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. Thomas
 Stevens.

Miss Nettie Hersch has been appointed
 teacher in the public schools at Rock
 Hall, to succeed Miss Clara Middleton,
 resigned.

"The Country Store" was presented in
 the Town Hall of Sasasfras, under the
 auspices of the M. E. Church, Thursday
 evening.

Dr. E. G. Clark, of Millington, has
 purchased the Reynolds, of Delaware
 City. "The Reynolds farm" in Worton,
 Kent County, for \$14,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester returned
 home on Monday after a most delightful
 visit of two weeks with her relatives,
 Mr. and Mrs. Smith Burris, near Ken-
 nedyville.

Mr. Harry Griffith met with a very se-
 vere loss, on Tuesday morning, when his
 men went to the barn to feed they found
 one of his best and favorite horses dead
 in the stable.

Watch meeting was held in the Mil-
 lington M. E. Church Wednesday even-
 ing last. Refreshments of cake and cof-
 fee were served about 12:30 o'clock by
 members of the Epworth League.

The social event of this week was the
 elegant and brilliant function given by
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Johnston at
 their home near town, in honor of their
 tenth wedding anniversary. The house
 was beautifully decorated with palms and
 potted plants. They were assisted in
 receiving by his sisters, Mrs. Archie
 Biggs and Mrs. Louis Atwell and Miss
 Edith Atwell. There were over one
 hundred and fifty guests present. About
 twelve o'clock an elegant poultry supper
 was served.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, of Middletown, was
 tendered a banquet by the Jr. O. U. A.
 M. of Sasasfras, on Saturday evening last
 and installed the following officers: Ir-
 ving Spry, counselor; Jacob T. Shallcross,
 financial secretary; Harry Griffith, Treas-
 urer; Alexander T. Laws, Warden; Court-
 land Hudson, Conductor; James Johns,
 inside sentinel; Charles Fillingame, out-
 side sentinel; Bayard Jones, recording
 secretary; Arnold Stuart, assistant sec-
 retary. After an address by Rev. C. T.
 Wyatt in his usual happy and eloquent
 style, the lodge tendered him an elegant
 collation. A great many of the members
 were present, also a number of vis-
 itors were present. A delightful evening
 was spent and we hope soon to have Dr.
 Wyatt with us again, as his coming is
 always looked forward to with a great
 deal of pleasure.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. I. S. VALLANDIGHAM

IN GODHEAD FOUND

JOHN W. CHADWICK

'Tis hard to take the burden up,
 When these have laid it down;
 They brightened all the joy of life,
 They softened every frown.
 But, oh! 'tis good to think of them
 When we are troubled sore;
 Thanks be to God that such have been,
 Although they are no more!

More homelike seems the vast unknown
 Since they have entered there;
 To follow them was not so hard,
 Wherever they may fare;
 They cannot be where God is not.
 On any sea or shore,
 Whatever betides, Thy love abides,
 Our God, forevermore.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Mr. Victor Smith has secured a position
 in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Hollis, of Wilmington, vis-
 ited Mr. G. M. D. Hart on Sunday.

Miss Nellie Beardsley, of Lincoln, spent
 Sunday with her uncle, Mr. L. B. Shock-
 ley.

Mrs. Harry Hart, of Philadelphia, is
 the guest of her mother, Mrs. Jennie
 Staats.

Mr. Ezekiel Fitzgerald and family
 moved last Wednesday from this town to
 Glasboro, N. J.

Miss Lillian West and Miss Beniah
 Buckson, of near Blackbird, visited Mrs.
 J. C. Hutchison Friday and Saturday of
 last week.

Mrs. Ida Cockey, of Kent Island, and
 Miss Maude Castle, of Riverton, N. J.,
 spent several days this week with Mrs.
 B. W. Hutchison, near town.

Mrs. William Goldsborough, who died
 last Saturday, was buried on Monday
 afternoon. The services were held at the
 house and interment made in Townsend
 Cemetery.

Messrs. G. M. D. Hart, Walter Money,
 W. A. Scott and Richard Hodgson were
 among those from Townsend who at-
 tended the opening of the Legislature at
 Dover Monday evening.

The first anniversary of the marriage of
 Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hutchison was held
 at the home of Mrs. Hutchison's parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Shockley. Mr.
 and Mrs. Hutchison received a number
 of useful presents. A very enjoyable
 evening was spent by all. Among those
 present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hutch-
 ison, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts, Mr. and
 Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. L. L.
 Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. George Knotts,
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ginn, Mr. and Mrs.
 J. A. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jones,
 Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs.
 D. P. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. W. S.
 Money, Mrs. W. H. Money, Mrs. William
 Naylor, Mrs. George Daniels, Mrs. Ida
 Cockey, Misses Sallie Hollis, Estella Van
 Dyke, Ella Maloney, Beulah Naylor,
 Mary Money, Anna Beauchamp, Hettie
 Carpenter, Messrs. W. Harman Reynolds,
 James Lee, Walter Lee, Lester Naylor
 and Herbert Beauchamp.

DELAWARE CITY

Mr. William Mayo has returned from
 Annapolis, Md.

Miss Mary has returned from a visit
 to Philadelphia.

Miss Nellie Yall has been visiting Wil-
 mington friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hagan spent the
 day in Wilmington.

Miss Martha Janvier has returned from
 a visit to Wilmington.

Mrs. William Davidson and daughter
 Mildred, are visiting State Road.

George Davidson, of Philadelphia, is
 visiting his daughter, Miss Irene David-
 son.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glanfield have